--- 1/16th Pound - Benson & Hedges Tobacco - 1935-64 ---

In the early years tobacco was sold mainly for pipe and cigar use, and during the late 1920's Benson & Hedges (Canada) purchased the cigar assets of J. Hirsch and Sons, of Montreal. In 1954 Philip Morris merged with Benson & Hedges (New York). In July 1958 they also merged with Benson & Hedges (Canada) Limited, "8-10D", in Montreal, and in 1961 they opened a multi-million dollar plant at Brampton, Ontario, "1-80E".

In 1962 Benson & Hedges (Canada) Ltd., purchased Canadian Tabacofina, Montreal, "30-10D", acquiring their plant, where for some years "*Belvedere*" cigarettes had been manufactured. Since their major entry into the cigarette field in 1961, the company's brands include Parliament; Alpine; Benson & Hedges, 100 mm., in plain and in menthol; Henley; Belvedere; Mark Ten; and Belmont.

The earliest listed cancellations from Benson & Hedges (Canada) Limited, "8-10D", are from 1959, and to date show multiple typewritten impressions in from a stencil in rose-violet ink using the letters from "A" to "L" to indicate the month, followed by a single number for the year.

RN-6 - 1/16th pound, perf 11, coded E E 1 / 8 - 10D by "Benson & Hedges", Montreal, in May 1961

[RN-6]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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